

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tetsuro OGAWA et al.

Appln. No. : 10/618,687 Group Art Unit: 1755

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For : CaO-SiO₂-BASED BIOACTIVE GLASS AND SINTERED CALCIUM PHOSPHATE GLASS USING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until December 5, 2006.

Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination is being concurrently filed herewith, and this paper is being filed as the required Submission with the Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants further note that this reply is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or any fee is required for maintaining the pendency of the

application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of this application, including any required extension of time fee and/or claim fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which appears beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.